

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HORI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/398,366

Filed: September 17, 1999

Title: OPTICAL IMAGING APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: Natividad

May 5, 2003

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I for further prosecution in this case on the merits. In addition Applicants elect the species of claims 1-9 and 12.

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

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15. (Amended) An optical imaging apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein corresponding interference signals are generated by interpolating with mathematical means, from recorded information corresponding to a plurality of scans, based on scanning timing information, and the information is displayed on a display device.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.